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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	:	Before the Examiner:
Gong et al.	:	Vo, Lilian
Serial No.: 09/316,754	:	Group Art Unit: 2127
Filed: May 21, 1999	:	
Title: EFFICIENT SCHEMA FOR	:	Intellectual Property Law
STORING MULTI-VALUE	:	IBM Corporation
ATTRIBUTES IN A DIRECTORY	:	11400 Burnet Road
SERVICE BACKING STORE	:	Austin, Texas 78758

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:


In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of August 13, 2004 (Paper No. 13), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 13, 2004, please amend the Application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on August 25, 2004.

  
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